

The Finnish General Upper Ontology YSO

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For what purpose is the Finnish General Upper Ontology needed?

- I problem: intelligent services of the semantic web need information in computer readable format
- I thesauri, which are currently used in describing resources, are meant for human users
 - ambiguity (polysemy, homonymy)
 - not enough information about concepts and their relations
- I solution: FinnONTO project decided to develop the widely used Finnish General Thesaurus into a general Finnish upper ontology
- I goal: to promote the public use of a free Finnish general upper ontology in order to save development costs
- I advantages:
 - more exact, computer readable description of resources
 - concept based search (interoperability)
 - formulation of search results

What is the Finnish General Upper Ontology like?

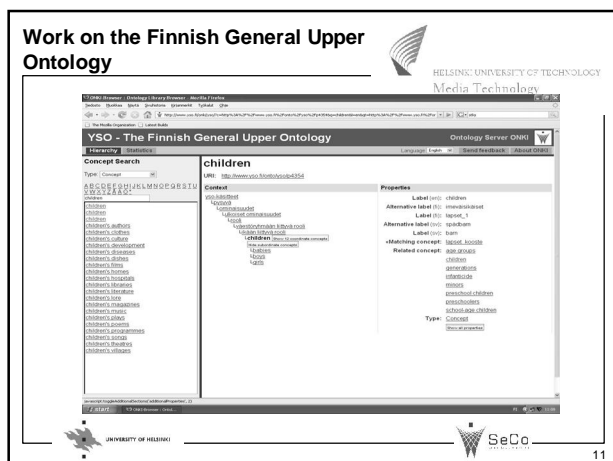
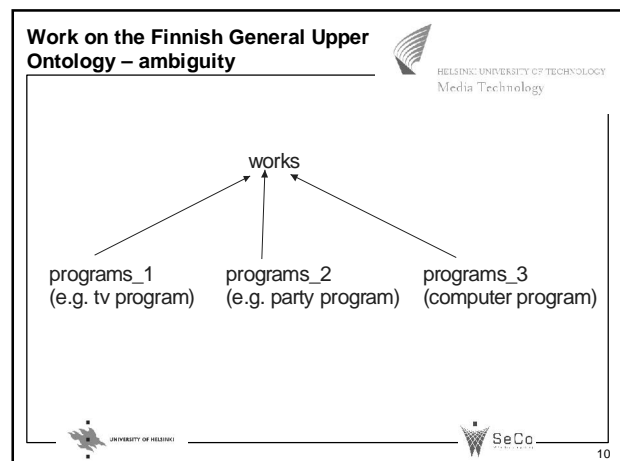
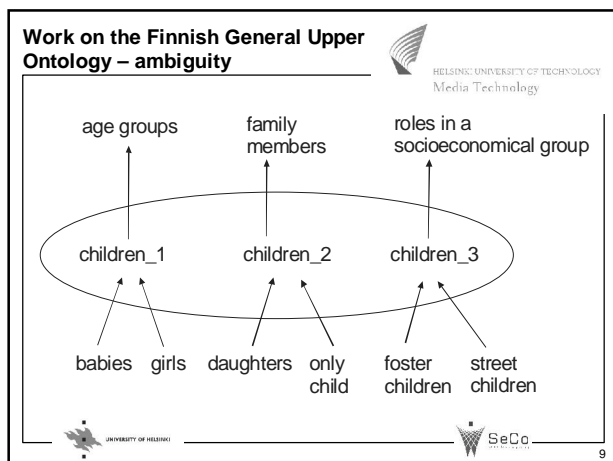
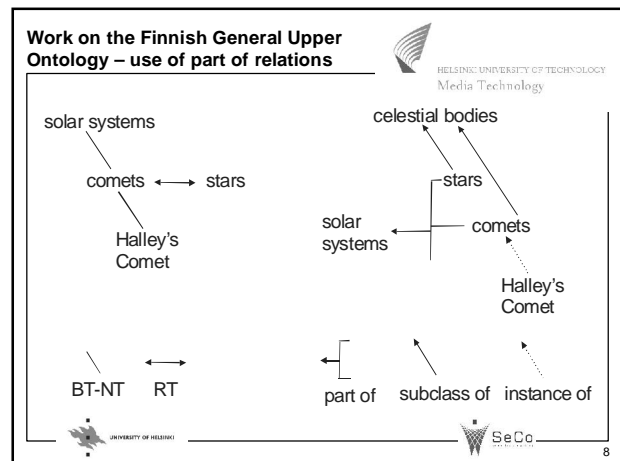
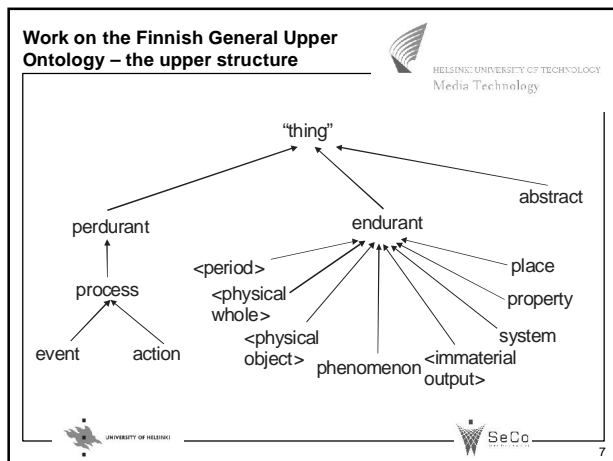
- I based on the Finnish General Thesaurus (from year 2005)
- I includes about 20 000 concepts in the ontology and concepts from the original thesaurus linked with each other
 - every concept has an URI (<http://www.yso.fi/onto/yso/p000000>)
- I languages: Finnish
 - Swedish and English equivalents are included, but they have not been checked to match the ontological structure
- I concepts relations in the ontology
 - subclass of, part of and associative relation
- I can be used as a structural model and link to special ontologies
 - different ontologies have common concepts, but also include conflicting information which has to be sorted out
 - has already been merged with the following ontologies or parts of them: Agriforest (agriculture, forestry), FinMeSH (medicine), HP Multi (health promotion), MAO (museums), Design Ontology and Ontology of Photography

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- I structure: based on SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organisation System)
- I language: OWL (Web Ontology Language)
- I tool: Protégé ontology editor
- I work phases:
 - an upper structure has been created in order to integrate the concept groups of the thesaurus into one system which computers can use in information processing
 - concepts have been placed into the hierarchy based on this upper structure
 - » information about the thematic grouping of the thesaurus has not been removed
 - concepts related to ambiguous words have been specified
 - » fuzzy concepts of the thesaurus have not been removed

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- new concepts have been added in order to build a solid hierarchy
- part of relations have been taken into use
- the hierarchy, partly inherited from the thesaurus and partly created for the ontology, has been roughly checked
- I the ontology has no room for interpretation, but several viewpoints to one concept can be shown with the help of:
 - several generic superordinate concepts
 - » exposure meter: photographic equipment and meter
 - roles
 - » human: occupation, family member
 - » material: source of energy, building material
 - different kind of associative relations
 - » instrument used in action, result of action



- ### Work on the Finnish General Upper Ontology
- can be used through ONKI ontology server
 - easy to import URIs to other systems
 - ONKI can even be easily integrated into systems using the ontology
 - partners in developing the Finnish General Upper Ontology, e.g.
 - The National Library of Finland
 - Helsinki City Library (English translation)
 - more information: <http://www.seco.tkk.fi/>
 - The Finnish General Upper Ontology: <http://www.ys.fi/onki/ysol/>
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